

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims replaces all prior listings, and prior versions, of the claims.

Listing of Claims:

1 - 24. (cancelled)

25. (currently amended) An apparatus for locally increasing pressing pressure on a press tool which, by means of an abutment surface thereon, is clampable against a clamping surface in a press, said apparatus comprising:

the abutment surface of the press tool being smaller than the clamping surface in said press;

a power unit provided in a contact region between the clamping surface in the press and the abutment surface of the tool;

said power unit being configured on activation to press away from the clamping surface at least a part of the abutment surface on the tool;

said power unit comprising at least two plates defining an interspace between said at least two plates;

said at least two plates being circumscribed by and being fastened to a frame member extending along peripheries of the plates; and

said interspace being capable of being sealed during operation and being filled and pressurized by means of an incompressible fluid.

26. (previously presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 25, wherein the power unit is of flat configuration.

27. (previously presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 25, wherein said at least two plates include an upper plate and a lower plate, and wherein the frame member is fixedly welded to both the upper and lower plates.

28. (currently amended) ~~The~~ An apparatus as claimed in claim 27, for locally increasing pressing pressure on a press tool which, by means of an abutment surface thereon, is clampable against a clamping surface in a press, said apparatus comprising:

the abutment surface of the press tool being smaller than the clamping surface in said press;

a power unit provided in a contact region between the clamping surface in the press and the abutment surface of the tool;

said power unit being configured on activation to press away from the clamping surface at least a part of the abutment surface on the tool;

said power unit comprising at least two plates defining an interspace between said at least two plates;

said at least two plates being circumscribed by and being fastened to a frame member extending along peripheries of the plates; and

said interspace being capable of being pressurized,

wherein said at least two plates include an upper plate and a lower,

wherein the frame member is fixedly welded to both the upper and lower plates, and

wherein the frame member is provided with a circumferential groove along the periphery of the at least two plates.

29. (previously presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 27, wherein the upper plate has a through-hole for supplying a pressurized fluid to the interspace.

30. (currently amended) ~~The~~ An apparatus ~~as claimed in claim 29,~~
for locally increasing pressing pressure on a press tool which, by means of an abutment surface thereon, is clampable against a clamping surface in a press, said apparatus comprising:

the abutment surface of the press tool being smaller than the clamping surface in said press;

a power unit provided in a contact region between the clamping surface in the press and the abutment surface of the tool;

said power unit being configured on activation to press away from the clamping surface at least a part of the abutment surface on the tool;

said power unit comprising at least two plates defining an interspace between said at least two plates;

said at least two plates being circumscribed by and being fastened to a frame member extending along peripheries of the plates; and

said interspace being capable of being pressurized,

wherein said at least two plates include an upper plate and a lower,

wherein the frame member is fixedly welded to both the upper and lower plates,

wherein the upper plate has a through-hole for supplying a pressurized fluid to the interspace, and

wherein a lower side of the upper plate is provided with grooves, and said grooves are connected to the through-hole.

31. (previously presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 25, wherein the power unit is smaller than the abutment surface.

32. (previously presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 25, wherein the interspace is in communication with a source of pressurized hydraulic fluid and said source on activation of the

power unit being configured to supply pressurized hydraulic fluid to the interspace.

33. (currently amended) An apparatus for locally increasing pressing pressure on a press tool comprising:

a clamping surface in a press;

said clamping surface being adapted for clamping an abutment surface on the press tool thereagainst and for performing reciprocal movements for operating the press tool between an open position and a closed pressing position;

a power unit provided between the clamping surface and the abutment surface;

said power unit being smaller than the abutment surface;
and

said power unit being connected to a source of pressurized hydraulic fluid for exerting when activated by said hydraulic fluid a locally increased pressure from the clamping surface on the abutment surface;

said power unit comprising two plates defining an interspace therebetween;

said interspace being capable of being sealed during operation and being capable of being filled and pressurized by means of said pressurized hydraulic fluid.

34. (previously presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 33 wherein the power unit is of flat configuration.

35. (previously presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 33, wherein the power unit is recessed in the clamping surface.

36. (currently amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 33, wherein ~~the power unit comprises two plates defining an interspace therebetween, wherein said interface is in communication with the source of pressurized hydraulic fluid, and wherein~~ the plates are circumscribed and fastened to a frame extending along peripheries of the plates.

37. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 33, wherein the source of pressurized hydraulic fluid is configured upon activation of the power unit to supply pressurized hydraulic fluid to the interspace and thereby causing the power unit to expand.